

## NEW TEACHER

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JOE CAPP meets Charlene in the living room where she lounges in her lazy boy recliner reading KEEN AS MUSTARD magazine near the bay window .

JOE CAPP For this last issue I use Microsoft publisher and got snaps and videos from the foundation mobile phones of the Trafalgar gang .

CHARLENE Well I hope you have a good day at work say hello to associate members

JOE CAPP Is that a new perfume your wearing ?

CHARLENE Yes I'm flying up for a photo shoot in Monte Carlo

JOE CAPP Not that stuff you used to wear

CHARLENE when you found me at the job centre, that stuff was free cosmetics as compensation for low income .

He gets into his yellow sports car and guns the engine pulls out into the mid morning traffic and drives through town center .When he gets to MOSS TOWERS he turns down a ramp and uses a wall mounted INTERCOM for access to the underground car

He then takes a lift up to the 13th floor into the royal blue and beige reception with polystyrene ceiling tiles and strip lights .He walks into his office where CAROL HUGHES is filling reports from incoming groups throughout the UNITED KINGDOM .

CAROL HUGHES All teams reported in and the NUTHUTCH say they've got another batch of diaries from the Trafalgar gang.

You've got one appointment 1:00 appointment at Moss radio to talk about conservation and guarding projects running in a city ghetto .

JOE CAPP The Oliver Moss foundations turned a builders yard into an adventure playground

CAROL HUGHES And the archbishop of canterburys gonna be here at 2 o'clock to talk about the hands across the

world campaign .

JOE CAPP                      Should make front cover of KEEN AS  
MUSTARD, we'll work on the next issue together later  
He walks down the blue and pink pastel corridor to the red and  
white lift and presses for the ground floor then take the left to  
the back and into the NUTHATCH .

A group of men are sitting on a corduroy three piece with and  
he pulls up a chair next to them opposite a large wall mounted  
LCD monitor .

JOE CAPP                      Let's see the latest videos from the  
TRAFALGAR GANG made on their Foundation mobile phones

EXTRACT FROM THE DIARY OF STRINGFELLOW SHAW  
I'M OFF TO SCHOOL dad, got to get my team ready for our game  
on SATURDAY.

CHRIS SHAW                      And what time did you drag yourself in  
last night son. Have a good time did you.

Sally                      Yes son spill the beans on what you got up to.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW                      If you must know father, I've got  
the photo's here of my teachers getting up to risky highjinks at a  
dubious bar, and there worthy of the school magazine.

STRINGFELLOW leaves his front gate and turns left down Vernon  
street . When he reaches GARDNER'S house DAVID Is waiting at  
the front gate with his younger brother SAM and they start there  
journey to school.

DAVID GARDNER                      ready to poke fun it our teachers.

STRINGFELLOW                      THEY DESERV IT AFTER LAST  
NIGHT,

DAVID GARDNER                      How do you expect to pass your chemistry  
A-level ,when you don't do your French homework.

STRINGFELLOW                      I am relying on our LORA to get me  
through chemistry A level. Especially with the packed program of  
events I have planed for you boys this evenings.

They reach the school gates with a sign strapped to the highwire  
fence CARDINAL WOLSEY'S SCHOOL and go straight in .

JAMES GRAINGER                      You two staying on for the Sixth  
Form College?

STRINGFELLOW                      Look what happened to our friend ROY  
after he left our school last year. A few months at IPSWICH  
Tech, and he's pushing a broom around with RUFFUS for  
Christ' s sake.

JAMES                      Our form master is going to want a decision ,from us

as to whether to stay on.

When they get to there class all of the gang are there already.

MICHAEL        Wahey, our leader has finally made it to class, lets give him a cheer.

GRAHAM        Any excuse for a party. He is my second in command now I'm head boy.

KEVIN FORTESQUE        Let me take the register and then Straight to assembly

STRINGFELLOW        Don't worry Sir , we promises not to tell the head about your dancing in the club last night.

In the administration block the headmaster MORRIS DENHAM is getting ready for assembly getting ready for the morning, and his secretary is taking calls .

DENHAM        three teachers down at 0830

JENNY        MR CHAMBERS this morning oh 8:45

DENHAM        Who MR CHAMBERS

JENNY        New INFORMATION TECH teacher , MRS PALMER looking for you , the piano is out of tune and she can't use it for assembly .

DENHAM        I better go and speak to the Jerry Lee Lewis of classical music , her great hands crashing down on that keyboard like rivet hammers it's wonder it's still in one piece .

A new teacher walks into the entrance hall and ask the nearest student for the principles office Just as DENHAM leaves the administration block .

ROBERT CHAMBERS        Excuse me hello I wonder if you could tell me where to find the head masters office .

DENHAM        You're just in time for assembly and then I'll get SARAH DUNLOP to give you your induction . The students are going past the entrance hall into the assembly room DENHAM Hawkes passing up to the stage where MRS PALMER is sitting by the piano with a back to the audience .

MRS PALMER        I said before not playable how can I be expected to play for the school assembly on an out of tune piano .

DENHAM        Well you've been doing it for years what's so special about today .





They walk into the classroom standing as the size of the desk in front of the Trafalgar gang .

ROBERT CHAMBERS                      Your history teacher can't be with you today and although I cannot replace her I can take you over to our new informations technology suit .

STRINGFELLOW SHAW                      We know why Diana bunker isn't it here .

GRAHAM                                      Got it all on film .

ROBERT CHAMBERS                      Is that so the head masters received a poison pen letter that was put on his desk while we were all assembly .

SARAH DUNLOP                              It's got a picture with people dancing in exotic costumes .

BERNICE pops her head round .

BERNICE SUMMERFIELD                      My GYM BUNNIES are jumping at the bit to play you at the recreation ground at rounders saturday .

DAVID GARDNER                              Yes we'll be there at the recreation ground thank you .

LORA DENHAM                              And I'll be there as a press packer for the school magazine .

ROBERT CHAMBERS                      Terrific if you want to be a journalist I can help you .

LORA DENHAM                              Going to teacher training college next term the rest are staying on here .

If you follow me and get you started I won't pass the strongest The students go out the building to the playground and over the tarmac , then cross the playing fields Where Rodney is giving a lesson in physical education to younger students .

MICHAEL SULLIVAN                      Glad to hear your cleared of that gaylord scandal Rodney .

They walk to the new building and use an INTERCOM to gain access then straight into the information technology suite.

ROBERT CHAMBERS                      You can take any of these friendly consoles Sarah here's an expert .

SARAH DUNLOP                              I'll come around and bring up your test papers then we're both available to help with punctuation grammar and spelling .

ROBERT CHAMBERS        I noticed some of the exams are still on old test papers ? The quicker they move to word processor the better for your sake .

TIM CURRY                Yeah I don't want to make any mistakes .

DAVID MANNING            the time the times I've written a page of work and then made a huge mistake at the end .

ROBERT CHAMBERS        Yes at the teaching conferences they've agreed that a whole political system could be upgraded with more choice and diversity using the latest software .

STRINGFELLOW SHAW        You've mean voting for national elections on the internet .

ROBERT CHAMBERS        Yes that's right exactly some of the developing countries are struggling and England should be at the forefront of new technology .

ANN FITZGERALD            Wouldn't that eventually lead to a world government .

ROBERT CHAMBERS        Well I brave New world has been talked about by unionists throughout the 20th century but it doesn't seem to have happened .

GRAHAM                    You're saying you're not satisfied with advances in science and technology .

ROBERT CHAMBERS        No i'm not saying that far from it but I'm sure your history teacher, if she was here, would agree that the cause of the French Revolution was liberty equality and fraternity .

STRINGFELLOW SHAW        But that would eventually lead to a communist system and is an unreachable .

ROBERT CHAMBERS        Top of the class young man .Political reformers in this country have always said by the people, for the people ,and with the people .

GRAHAM                    Which in the UNITED KINGDOM is only achievable if we have national elections on the internet . Well let's just hope that all your exams are on these new consoles I'm not especially but I can help you with research have you

SARAH DUNLOP            You only need to get a feel for the questions and specialize .

ROBERT CHAMBERS      You'll then be prepared for the type of questions asked .

ROBERT CHAMBERS      Sarah can you hand out the science test papers ? In my day it was GCE and O' level but that was stopping students achieving vital further education so it was amalgamated into GCSE .

STANLEY RATCHET      When was your day before the Crimean war .

ROBERT CHAMBERS      No I'm not that old this is my first teaching assignment couldn't really find a career till I went to teacher training college .

LORA DENHAM      Oh that's what I was going to do that's if I don't stay on here .

SARAH DUNLOP      Well you could do a lot worse .

ROBERT CHAMBERS      the great thing about GCSE is if you make one final push and you can get the grade you need for A-level .

STANLEY RATCHET      Eyes down for a full house let's get studying and pass them exams .

JAMES GRAINGER      That's right it's playtime after this lesson .

That evening at the GRANGER house James finds his mum Margery putting on her coat to leave.

MARGERY      You'll have to fix your own dinner today if you want James, I'll cook this evening .

JAMES      That's fine I'm out with a gang at the recreation ground playing post-graduate gym bunnies at rounders . I suppose dad is having a lie in.

MARGERY      He's had a hard shift portering at the hospital , alright our kid, your father is in the living room.

JAMES GOES INTO THE LIVING ROOM TO see William.

JAMES      Hey our dad, how are you ?

WILLIAM      Recovering after wallpapering our spare bedroom son. That Mr Aspinall shall have floral walls for when she gets back from the funny farm ,(pass the marmalade old peoples home) but it plays havoc with me back .

JAMES      Why not wait for me, I don't mind helping on the weekends.

WILLIAM      You are always off with that TRAFALGAR GANG of yours,

It's alright for some isn't it. I have to make do with the social



club at work.

JAMES        You get to make love to mum don't you.

WILLIAM       Just go ,just loose yourself .HAVE A WORD

MOTHER

JAMES        I'm taking Muttley for a walk .

He gets the lead from the cupboard under the stairs and walks into the kitchen, where the dog is sprawled out on his bed. James clips the lead to Muttly's collar and the leave by the side gate. By the time the boy and dog make it to the Canal his friend Kieth Faucet is waiting for him as they arranged.

JAMES        How's the martial arts business Keith, still making them black belts.

Keith                I'm expecting you to sign up for my JUDO class next month when it starts. It's only once a week on a Tuesday, though you can practice on your friends every day.

JAMES        I've already said I would mate. You going to look after Muttley while I play this game of rounders ?

James lets the dog off his lead to have a run .

JAMES        This dog is an expert ball player and is going to want to field the tennis ball when the games starts.

KEITH        That's right he would be worth two of your lads on the rounders pitch , and if the ball is coming our way I'll let him off and get him to bring it to me.

JAMES        Keep a tight lead on him unless I tell you we'll make muttley our secret weapon .

The Summerfield gym bunnies arrive in a coach and walk over the loose gravel car park onto the playing fields where the Trafalgar gang are waiting .

BERNICE        I decided to get this event sponsored for the PRINCES TRUST when this bunch accepted my challenge , and it shall become very popular.

STRINGFELLOW        With all our new recruits my lot have managed to raise quit a sizable sum and I expect this event to be well attended.

BERNICE        And the follies have brought along there mascot , my boyfriend in fancy dress , along for support

Commentary shall come from the foundation sports presenter

MIGHTY WHITE.The sports presenter is watching from the side lines in a cream suit drinking from a hip flask for dutch courage.

MIGHTY WHITE.        There's someone on the pitch, they say it's all over, it is now.

KATIE        So you are responsible for keeping this pitch playable

for the whole of the summer season is that true mark.

MARK GREENSTREET      That's right , I make sure that you get a nice even surface of short grass for your rounders match today and when one of the follies scores they squash a banana on one of these bin liners to celebrate there victory.

KATIE      So I can get the camera to do a close up of the squashing of the banana for our viewers then. Make sure the follies are up for bat first so I can keep my audience for half time

MIGHTY WHITE.      When you've finished with the bumble bee the shellas have arrived.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW      And my team are ready to go

MIGHTY WHITE.      It's THE FOLLIES up for bat first.

Back on the sidelines The sports presenter seats himself in the passenger seat of a VW camper van and starts his radio broadcast for Moss radio.

MIGHTY WHITE.      You join us here for a rounders match at NEWTOWN recreation ground. The first shella comes up to bat and it's BERNICE SUMMERFIELD .

She takes a mighty swing and connects with the ball sending it right out of the playing field. The ball Sales through the air and James runs for it catches and then throws but by the time Stanley has caught it Benny has run past him and reached home.

MIGHTY WHITE      We have a home run .

The camera crew focus on Benny's bare leg as she squashes a banana on a black plastic bin liner that Mark Greenstreet has laid down.

MIGHTY WHITE      The next shella is up to bat and its lucky number seven, Lisa Rogers, and she has made 10 home runs this season an experienced batter .

Tim swings the ball and connect with a resounding "thwack" .camera crew have once again focused down on lisa's bare foot squishing a banana on a black bin liner .

MICHAEL      They seem to have played this game before .

MIGHTY WHITE      Welcome back our viewers in this thrilling match between THE TRAFALGAR GANG and THE BERNICE SUMMERFIELD FOLLIES.THE TRAFALGAR GANG are lagging behind the follies with Benny still up to bat with the scores 20-0. Tim throws the ball and Benny makes a powerful swing, which connects with the ball sending it flying over the pitch.The gang are in

disarray while they plot the course through the air of the tennis ball and James shouts " Muttley do something " while signaling his friend Keith to let the dog run.

Keith Forset is with one of the follies trying to jog her memory of their first meeting last week at THE PINK PELICAN . SHELLA nudges him back to reality and he lets Muttley off his leash. The dog runs for the ball and catches it right on the edge of the pitch, and runs straight back to his owner. James runs Benny out as she runs up the the last base.

MIGHTY WHITE How about that folks the dog has saved the game AND THE HALF TIME SCORE IS 20-2.And the Trafalgar gang are up to bat

GRAHAM This looks like a defeat for the gang .

LORA DENHAM ONLY A MIRACLE CAN SAVE THE DAY.

MIGHTY WHITE With the first of the GANG up for bat BERNICE pitches and Jeramy makes a wild fling throwing his bat over just missing a catcher.

BENNY Do that again and i'll have you running round the school grounds all day long mister.

MICHAEL SULLIVAN hits the ball and starts running, the ball sails in the air and Lisa Rogers waits to catch it.

STRINGFELLOW makes it back to base with a cheer from the crowd

GRAHAM We are not beaten yet lads

DAVID GARDNER That's right lads my brother SAM is on his way and shall be here very soon.

EXTRACT FROM THE DAIRY OF STRINGFELLOW SHAW

We were desperate to beat a team captained by our games mistress though it was slipping away from us.

We made a valiant fight but Sure enough the experienced girls run wear us down .David's younger brother Sam making a finishing score of 18-20.This was a much more dignified result and both teams congratulated each other after KEITH gets excited, congratulating the team and trying to convince some of the follies to sign up with his self defense classes. I think he wanted to take full advantage and get ADVERTISING now we are televised on the PANARAMA tv.

MIGHTY WHITE Syonara , girls i'm heading for the

OSSIE BAR in town as i'm dryers than an aboriginals jock strap.

BERNICE COME NOW My bumble we are out of here,  
have a nice weekend be on time MONDAY as me and Rodney have  
you for the morning Ok.

LASAFAIR Our robot mascot looks on nothing more than a piece of  
modern art standing there by the tennis courts.